



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number OPA#2016-1295

Issued Date: 04/28/2017

Named Employee #1	
Allegation #1	<u>Seattle Police Department Manual</u> 16.090 (6) In-Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity (Policy that was issued March 1, 2016)
OPA Finding	Sustained
Final Discipline	Oral Reprimand

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The Named Employee and another officer responded to a DV Disturbance call.

COMPLAINT

The complainant, a supervisor within the Department, forwarded a complaint in which the Named Employee self-reported that his In-Car Video (ICV) was not activated during a call. The Named Employee thought he had activated it, but upon returning to his patrol vehicle, realized he had not.

INVESTIGATION

The OPA investigation included the following actions:

1. Review of the complaint memo
2. Search for and review of all relevant records and other evidence
3. Interview of SPD employee

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The preponderance of the evidence showed that the Named Employee failed to record his police activity related to a Domestic Violence call to which he was dispatched. The evidence also showed that the Named Employee realized this failure to activate ICV when he returned to his police vehicle after there had been a use of force and arrest of a suspect. The Named Employee's involvement in the incident was ended at that time he realized the error, so there was no need for him to activate the ICV at that time. The Named Employee self-reported this error to a sergeant when he returned to the precinct after the call. SPD Policy requires officers to record all "police activity" including "Response to dispatched calls, starting before the employee arrives on the call and ending consistent with paragraph 8 below."

FINDINGS

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A preponderance of the evidence showed that the Named Employee failed to record his police activity. Therefore a **Sustained** finding was issued for *In-Car Video System: Employees Will Record Police Activity*.

Discipline Imposed: Oral Reprimand

NOTE: The Seattle Police Department Manual policies cited for the allegation(s) made for this OPA Investigation are policies that were in effect during the time of the incident. The issued date of the policy is listed.